

**Western Regional Council Meeting
Broadside Harbor
Caldwell, Idaho**

July 20, 2010

Call to order: Barry Young, EVP 1:55 pm

Introductions:

Council:

Area 1: Brad Corbin
Area 2: Greg Badal
Area 3: Owen Letcher
Area 4: Nick Ithomitis
Area 5: Todd Yokum
Area 6: Stacy Holbert-not present (replaced by Brian Reinke)
Area 7: Brad Stevenson-not present
Area 8: Brad Jamieson
Area 9: Sam Lee

Directors:

TC Boice

Connie Morris (*Connie added to attendance roster – minutes amended at 2011 Winter Council meeting*)

Tad Scharpf

Assignment of Parliamentarian: Mike Hayes approved by council and directors

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes: No comments. Brad Corbin moved to accept, Sam Lee seconded, approved

Council approval requested for Brian Reinke to replace Stacy Holbert: Moved by Brad Corbin, seconded by Sam Lee, approved.

Treasurers Report:

Tad Scharpf discussed report as provided in attached files. He also discussed scholarships which are published on USA Water Ski website. Mike Hayes noted that since Bob Cosby is no longer involved we have not had a report from the Educational Foundation regarding scholarships. Students need to apply in order to be considered. TC moved that we create a task force to investigate. He suggested Tad Scharpf as chair with Charlene Brown and Owen Letcher. They all accepted.

Will Bush suggested a round of applause for the good work Tad has done as Treasurer.

Jr. Development Treasurers Report:

The major fund raising is conducted here at the Regionals plus the \$10 for records. \$20 per skier is contributed from the region for Regional Juniors skiing in the Regionals toward their banquet and gifts. \$20 is awarded to the sponsoring group for each skier participating in junior development camps. The camps have been very successful.

Regional Committee Reports:**EVP Barry Young**

There was a request from the Canyon Lake Ski Club to change the date of their tournament from before Nationals to after Nationals due to lack of officials. Laura Johnson explained the difficulty with this event. There will be no conflict with any other tournament. Brad Corbin, as the councilperson for this area, explained the unique situation with this site regarding the jump setup. Canyon Lake had made changes in order to not conflict with other tournaments in the area when setting the original date for this tournament. Mike explained that this situation might be worthy of a change. A task force was named to report in January on how to handle these requests: Will Bush will chair, Nick Ithomitis, Connie Morris and Frank Harrison will serve on the committee. Brad Corbin proposed we vote to make a recommendation for Barry to allow Canyon Lake to move this particular tournament. Approved 7 yes, 6 no.

Regional Records: Richard Doane reported that the record applications which were received are in your packet. One record was applied for this past weekend from the Regional Warm Up and was accompanied by a \$10 donation for Jr. Development. Motion made by Brad Corbin to approve all records, Owen Letcher seconded. Approved.

Regional Guide: Barry Young and Laura Johnson. Barry reported there were problems with the input for guide information online. "Premier" classification was confusing as well. A request that the input be made more user friendly should be taken to the National Board of Directors meeting from the West. Laura noted that the paper quality was also poor this year. The list of tournaments being held in the region was missing in the 2010 issue and skiers feel it is helpful when making a decision about entering tournaments. Barry does have a few extra guides available.

Regional Jr. Dev: Lisa Wilson/Randy Hocking

Lisa showed the nice towels being presented to Juniors this year. There may be some extras available for sale. The Junior Banquet will be on Friday night. There will be a DJ, dancing, silent auction, raffle items.

There were 3 Best of the West Jr. Dev. Camps this year: Southern CA, Northern CA and the Northwest. Lisa thanked the region for the support given to our Juniors. The camps have helped our skiers progress and represent our region well.

Regional Awards: Debbie Badal explained that the Rich Slingerland Award has been changed to the Award of Merit with an inscription that it is in memory of Rich Slingerland and Wayne Canfield. The Don Koppert Award is now the Western Regional Tournament Award with an inscription that it was established in 1991 in memory of Don Koppert .

Webmaster: Larry Goodwin is moving from the region and was not present—he will be missed.

Other Sports Divisions, etc:

Jeff Rush reported to Barry that there was one issue with a behavioral problem in a Collegiate tournament that occurred in the spring of this year. The issue has been taken care of.

Regional Tournaments:

Broadside Harbor (Sam Lee and Deb Parsons)

Sam reported that everything is going well and thanked Don and Deb for their support.

Council approval was requested to make changes to classifications as per skiers request from L to E only. TC said this should be flexible. Council has no problem with this change.

Men's 3-5 and Masters is changing to an L for Nationals—The council decided to do the same for Regionals?

Sam made a recommendation that the Director's from the West recommend to the National Board that the decisions made for Nationals event classifications should be based on what is needed for IWWF ranking lists. Approved.

2011 & 2012 Western Regionals at Bell Acqua—Mike Martens reported that things are moving along with preparations for their upcoming Regionals. Barry questioned if there was a back up plan should Bell Acqua back out of the in 2012. Mike and Lisa Wilson said that is a non-issue. They are planning on the second year to make some profit. Barry requested a report from Bell Acqua be presented at the mid-winter meeting. Mike agreed.

National Committee Reports:

Announcers: TomMecham requested that all tournament sponsors work to get announcers. This adds interest to the sport. We need to present our sport well to gain new members and skiers.

By-Laws: Jim Lang was given a posthumous round of applause for a job well done.

Drivers: Pat Rogers—not present. Will Bush said Pat suggested that different people be assigned to review the drivers boat path videos, not just the committee people.

Executive: Barry Young—no activity on this committee

Judges & Scorers: Deb Parsons—See report

Barry suggested we could plan clinics during future Regionals for Judges, Drivers and Scorers. This could be part of the bid package.

There will be a Judges clinic here at this Regionals for Judges on Thursday.

International Activities Committee: Barry Young & Mike Hayes – Mike reported about the IAC meeting from Team Trials. He reported on the selected teams. An IAC sub-committee was formed to select Team officials (Doctor, Manager, etc.) that accompany teams to their competitions.

Jr. Development: Charlene Brown (chair) & (Randy Hinkle-not present) Charlene reported on the Jr. Development teams and fund raising.

Nominating: Barry Young reported that as far as he knows there is no change proposed in National Officers.

NSL: Kay Goodfellow-not present—no report

Rules: Richelle Matli & Dave Vogt—“Turn and Burn” tournaments were discussed. Dave reported how the format worked in a tournament in Colorado. Discussion followed. Our council recommends this be brought up at our General Membership meeting. This format needs approval of the Rules Committee prior to the event.

Safety: Larry Goodwin not present.

Seeding: Laura Johnson (National Chair) Seeding is up to date with the exception of one tournament for this Regionals. An automated report is sent to sponsors detailing what information is missing from their submitted tournament files. Remind members not to be fussy with Laura or the girls at headquarters about these notifications.

Elite Ranking notice is being sent when a skier meets a high ranking number. Don Parsons was congratulated on being named an Elite Ranking Trick skier.

Laura would like a person to step up as seeding committee member. She is looking to be a Director and needs to step down.

Skiers Rating: Erik Kosney (National Chair--not present. Erik is planning to be at the National Board of Directors meeting. No report at this time

Technical: Phil Yastrow—not present. See report. There was discussion regarding power vest requirement for safety. Owen moved that the Power Vest Investigation and

Evaluation removes the requirement for the safety director to insure the rash guard is available on the starting dock and inform the skier of the importance of wearing one. The last paragraph of the report should be removed. Moved by Owen, seconded by TC and carried.

Towboat/Speed Ctrl: Will Bush. See report. If you have any questions regarding approval of boats for tournaments talk with Will. A previously approved boat with speed control will most likely be approved even though it might be an older boat. Committee approval is needed. Will would like the request for an unlisted boat at least a couple of days before the event.

Old Business: There were no action items needing attention.

New Business:

There is a need for Western Region LOC's to handsomely reward the promo boat owners-as much as possible. Suggestions would be gas money, free entries, etc. Boats should definitely be returned to owners as clean or cleaner than they come to the tournaments.

Recommendations to Board of Directors:

Safety Ratings: Owen said his area has requested that the requirement regarding safety ratings that require the person to be chief safety instead of just working in safety for ratings should be changed. This would be in line with other ratings such as judges, driver and scorers.

Supporting Members: Owen's area also recommend a change in policy to allow supporting members to judge or score at tournaments if a previous rating was held as an active member. Possibly create a non-skiing official's membership to help at a lower insurance rate. The purpose would be to keep non-skiing officials active. Discussion followed. Randy Hocking explained this could be difficult in dealing with our insurers.

Simplify the sanction application forms regarding Premier vs Grass Roots, Family memberships, number of rides, entry fees.

Adjust the deadline time to 3:00 AM Eastern Standard Time or to match the tournament LOC time.

Announcements:

Mike Hayes discussed injuries to children not wearing helmets when skiing. A company in Australia is manufacturing a tight fitting, non-bucketing helmet. The company is "Gath". If there is enough interest in the helmet the company will promote helmets specifically for water skiing through brochures, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Canfield
Acting Secretary